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Election of the Executive Director of the United Nations Environment Programme

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The General Assembly, in section II, paragraph 2, of its resolution 2997 (XXVII), decided that the secretariat of the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) should be headed by the Executive Director of the Programme, who should be elected by the Assembly, on the nomination of the Secretary-General, for a term of four years.

2. In its decision 60/409, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, the General Assembly elected Achim Steiner (Germany) as Executive Director of UNEP for a four-year term of office, beginning on 15 June 2006 and ending on 14 June 2010. In its decision 64/420, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, the Assembly re-elected Mr. Steiner for an additional four-year term, beginning on 15 June 2010 and ending on 14 June 2014. In its decision 68/416, on the proposal of the Secretary-General, the Assembly re-elected Mr. Steiner for an additional two-year term, beginning on 15 June 2014 and ending on 14 June 2016.

3. Following a thorough review and evaluation of the candidates proposed to succeed Mr. Steiner, the Secretary-General wishes to nominate Erik Solheim (Norway) for election as Executive Director of UNEP for a term of four years, beginning on 15 June 2016 and ending on 14 June 2020.

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